



Fairfield County
**Health
Department**

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Health Commissioner

BOARD OF HEALTH RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Fairfield County Health Department
Minutes of the Board of Health
March 13, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.

MEETING LOCATION: Berne Union Local Schools (New Building), 506 N. Main Street, Sugar Grove

The meeting was called to order by Brian Oliver at 7:00 p.m.

Board Members Present

Tina Childers
Dr. Michele Morrone
Brian Oliver

Board Members Absent

Dr. Teresa Wood

A quorum was established. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

STAFF PRESENT

Joe Ebel, Health Commissioner; Rachel Moresea, Environmental Health Director; Gale Neville, Nursing Director; Mary Smith, WIC Director; Baylie Blevins, Health Promotion Director; Jamie Ehorn, Administrative Services Director; Dr. Steven Kapetansky, Medical Director; Bethany Carson, Health Educator

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Brian Oliver, Board President, thanked Mr. Parker, Superintendent of Berne Union Local School District, for allowing the health department to hold the board meeting at his new facility. Mr. Parker explained that the facility is Pre-K through 12th grade, they are building a new field house, and the community is excited for the new building.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The meeting minutes from the board meeting on February 14, 2024, were presented for approval. Dr. Morrone requested the change from using Mrs. Morrone to Dr. Morrone when her name is referenced. The minutes were approved with the noted change by unanimous voice vote.

FEATURED PROGRAM:

Bethany Carson, Health Educator, presented on the Community Garden which is part of the HEAL grant. Ms. Carson provided an overview of the HEAL grant as well as the community garden initiative and community engagement.

Brian Oliver appreciates the work being put into the Community Garden, it is a great program and there has been an impressive amount of involvement from community partners.

HEARINGS & VARIANCES

Rachel Moresea, Environmental Health Director, presented a variance request for 2764 Boving Road for a distance requirement from a driveway or hardscape. This property has a failing system and is being funded through the WPCLF program. A new tank is being installed next to the old tank; however, the new tank will not meet the distance requirement from the driveway.

Dr. Morrone made a motion to approve the variance request from OAC 3701-29-06(G)(3)(a) for a distance requirement for the sewage treatment system from a driveway for the property located at 2764 Boving Road. Tina Childers seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

STAFF REPORTS

Environmental Health Report

Rachel Moresea, Environmental Health Director provided a written report to the Board. Feedback from the townships and villages regarding the sharing of nuisance updates has been positive.

Nursing Report

Gale Neville, Nursing Director provided a written report to the Board. The newborn home visit program is up and running. Fairfield Medical Center doctors have been supportive of the program. We are receiving referrals and refusals for the visits. The Planning and Promotion Team are preparing flyers that will be mailed to new moms, advertising the program. The Help Me Grow program has been experiencing appointment cancelations.

Mr. Ebel discussed the Child Fatality Review Board meeting that was held in March. The Board reviewed deaths of children under the age of 18 in Fairfield County in 2023. The intent of this meeting is to determine interventions that would help prevent these types of deaths in the future. There were many agency representatives in attendance. Dr. Kapetansky commended Mrs. Neville for her work preparing for the meeting.

WIC Report

Mary Smith, WIC Director, provided a written report to the Board. WIC will hold a 50-year celebration on March 21st from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. in the WIC suite. WIC will be fully

funded for this year and will continue with the fruit and vegetable benefit for clients. Ms. Smith could use additional staff. Case load numbers are increasing for both Lancaster and Pickerington locations.

Planning and Promotion Report

Baylie Blevins, Health Promotion Director, provided a written report to the Board. Health Educators are staying busy participating in community events. Another Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over event is taking place this weekend at Double Edge Brewery.

Health Commissioner's Report

Joe Ebel, Health Commissioner, provided a written report to the Board. Mackenzie Kaminski is our new Epidemiologist. Ms. Kaminski has been with us about 2 ½ weeks and will be at the April meeting for an introduction. Our new Planner, Riley Ernst, is working out well. We have received two nursing applications; both have a high expected salary requirement. The Public Health Nurse position has been re-posted as a Public Health Nurse 1, which includes qualifications as an LPN with 2 years of experience or a new RN.

The Healthy Aging grant will fully fund two sewage system repair or replacement projects and will fund two additional projects at 50%. We received the Older Adult Falls Pilot Project and will work with a Violet Township Paramedic to install grab bars for those in need. The Put a Lid on It grant will provide bike helmets and is currently pending. We received the Regional Linkages grant in the amount of approximately \$8,000, which will help fund overdose data tracking. We also received the MRC STTRONG grant in the amount of approximately \$2,000.

The DAC meeting will be held on March 28th at 7:00 p.m. at the Records Center. A list of grants, a solid waste update, WPCLF update and WIC's 50th anniversary will be shared at the meeting.

Our Environmental Health Summer Intern position for mosquito spraying will be posted soon.

Mr. Ebel attended the Regional Planning Commission meeting. The County's Land Use Plan was approved at the meeting.

FINANCIAL REPORTS AND BILLS

Jamie Ehorn, Administrative Services Director provided financial reports and a bill list to the Board for approval.

Dr. Morrone made a motion to approve the financial report and bill list. Tina Childers seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Mrs. Ehorn requested approval of out-of-state travel for Mackenzie Kaminski for Disaster Related Exposure Assessment and Monitoring (DREAM) training in Alabama, April 1, 2024-April 6, 2024. All expenses except for her staff time will be covered through FEMA Center for Domestic Preparedness. Attendance at this meeting will meet a PHEP deliverable requirement. Ms. Kaminski will provide an update on her training once complete.

Tina Childers made a motion to approve the out-of-state travel. Dr. Morrone seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Mr. Ebel stated that one application was received for the Board of Health Physician position. The applicant is a hospitalist at Adena in Chillicothe.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: April 10, 2024, at 4:00 p.m.

LOCATION: Fairfield County Health Department, 1550 Sheridan Drive, Ste. 100, Lancaster

NEXT DISTRICT ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING: March 28th at 7:00 p.m. at the Records Center.

ADJOURN The Board of Health Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m. on a motion by Tina Childers. Dr. Morrone seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Approved:

Signature and date on file Date: _____ Brian Oliver, Board President

Signature and date on file Date: _____ R. Joseph Ebel, Health Commissioner